



IWM DUXFORD
PRESS RELEASE

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IWM Duxford announces 2018 air show season with fabulous flying and commemoration of the RAF Centenary

IWM Duxford will present a festival of flying for all the family in 2018, with children under 16 going free to IWM air shows.* Tickets are now on sale, with a fantastic Early Bird offer for all air shows.

Tickets booked for either the Duxford Air Festival or the Duxford Battle of Britain Air Show before 23.59 on Thursday 8 February will automatically be entered into a prize draw to have a chance of winning a once-in-a-lifetime Spitfire flight with IWM Duxford's pleasure flight partner Classic Wings.

Tickets for all air shows must be booked in advance; no on the day tickets are available.

IWM Duxford's 2018 air show season commences with the **Duxford Air Festival** (May Bank Holiday weekend Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 May) offering a thrill-packed weekend. The **Flying Legends Air Show** (Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 July) is a feast of nostalgia while the **Duxford Battle of Britain Air Show** (Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September) is an official partner for the Royal Air Force centenary, celebrating its famous aircraft, past and present.

The **Duxford Air Festival** will be a feast of action-packed flying full of speed, noise, power and thrills. Confirmed aircraft include the Tiger Nine formation team of nine 1930s Tiger Moth biplanes and the AeroSuperBatics WingWalkers, the world's only aerobatic formation wing-walking team.

Across the museum, visitors can enjoy a wide range of events and activities. The Family Flight Challenge shows that it takes more than a pilot to make an aircraft fly: from scientists and engineers to designers and mechanics. You might find yourself leaping into the air, slipping-on goggles, meeting our real inventors and adventurers or working in a team to make something fly. In our 'Meet the Authors' marquee writers will discuss their current books and take questions from the audience.

The **Flying Legends Air Show** is organised and produced by The Fighter Collection. This world-famous air show combines flying displays of remarkable historic aircraft with engaging nostalgic activities to create an authentic 1940s atmosphere at IWM Duxford's wartime airfield.

Rare aircraft travel across the globe to take part in the Flying Legends Air Show, performing exceptional aerial spectacles. At Flying Legends 2018 the Flying Bulls will present a five-ship formation for the first time in the UK, featuring two Alpha Jets, a B-25J Mitchell, Goodyear Corsair and P-38 Lightning. The world-renowned balbo, a massed-formation flying display, provides a remarkable finale to the air show.

In 2018, there will be two vintage villages at the Flying Legends Air Show, offering a wide range of nostalgic entertainment.

The **Duxford Battle of Britain Air Show** brings to life Duxford's finest hour as an important Second

World War fighter station defending Great Britain from aerial attack in 1940. The roar of Spitfires and Hurricanes over Duxford's historic airfield make this a hugely engaging historic experience and a great British day out for 2018.

The Duxford Battle of Britain Air Show is an official partner of RAF 100, commemorating the centenary of the formation of the Royal Air Force. The flying display will showcase not only the famous historic aircraft of the RAF but will also present its modern capabilities with contemporary aircraft in service today.

Entry to the award-winning IWM Duxford is included in the ticket price for all air shows. Visitors can get up close to the aircraft that have revolutionised flight, including the futuristic Blackbird spyplane, which performed top secret operations for almost 30 years and the B-52 Stratofortress, which stretches the length of the American Air Museum. Iconic aircraft, including the Spitfire, Concorde and the contemporary Eurofighter Typhoon, are on display across the museum.

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Notes to Editors

- All flying is subject to weather, serviceability and operational commitments.
- *Kids go free when an adult purchases a ticket for the Duxford Air Festival or the Duxford Battle of Britain Air Show. This does not apply to the Flying Legends Air Show.
- All information in this press release is correct at the time of issue.
- **Tickets for all air shows must be booked in advance; no on the day tickets are available.**
- Early Bird tickets are available until Sunday 13 May for the Duxford Air Festival. Ticket prices can be found [here](#).
- The deadline for Early Bird tickets for the Flying Legends Air Show is to be advised. Ticket prices can be found [here](#).
- Early Bird tickets are available until Sunday 9 September for the Duxford Battle of Britain Air Show. Ticket prices can be found [here](#).

Win a flight in a Spitfire

Terms and conditions for this prize draw can be found [here](#).

Premium Experiences

Duxford Air Festival

The Gold Experience

A must for experiencing the very best hospitality that the Duxford Air Festival has to offer and a fantastic way to enjoy a day out at Duxford. Enjoy our special service from the moment you arrive on site in the VIP car park.

The Gold Experience includes:

- Entry to the flightline walk, an essential part of a Duxford air show, getting you up close to the aircraft you will see fly and mingling with ground crew and pilots.
- Unrivalled seating, as close to the action as you can possibly get.
- Luxury toilet facilities, avoiding the queues.
- Add a light breakfast in the morning and optional lunch from our Street Food Selection to your Gold Experience purchase and all of your needs will be taken care of throughout the day.

Ticket prices for the Duxford Air Festival Gold Experience can be found [here](#).

The Family Experience

Get closer to the action with the Family Experience at the Duxford Air Festival.

- Take your seats in a private enclosure close to the flying action and soak up the atmosphere on the airfield.
- Get direct access to the flightline walk, enjoy unrivalled views of Duxford's famous airfield and let the family loose on activities run by learning interactors.

Book your tickets for this exclusive package and enjoy a stress-free family day out.

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The Grandstand Experience

Enjoy our brand new seating grandstand especially created to provide photographers, enthusiasts and aircraft fans with an uninterrupted view of all the flying action, perfect for those coveted camera angles and hard to achieve shots.

Please note that a valid air show ticket must be purchased before an upgrade to the Grandstand Experience can be bought. Ticket prices can be found [here](#).

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Bremont Flight Lounge 2018

The Flying Legends Air Show Bremont Flight Lounge offers:

- Priority VIP car parking close to the Flying Legends Bremont Flight Lounge.
- Complimentary landing fee and VIP shuttle to the Bremont Flight Lounge for guests arriving by air.
- Private luxury marquee and garden enclosure located opposite the flight line.
- Tea and coffee served on arrival; drinks reception with assorted canapes; gourmet buffet lunch with a choice of wine; English afternoon tea.
- Complimentary access to the flightline walk from the garden enclosure (9am to 12pm only).
- Private toilets within the enclosure area.
- Television and soft seating area; daily newspapers and magazines.

Ticket prices for the Flying Legends Air Show Bremont Flight Lounge can be found [here](#).

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IWM Duxford

IWM Duxford is Britain's best-preserved Second World War airfield, with a fascinating history that dates back to the First World War. Historic aircraft can regularly be seen taking to the skies from Duxford's wartime airfield. Duxford has been a witness to world-changing events over the past 100 years where ordinary people have had extraordinary experiences. Exploring state of the art exhibition halls and historic buildings, visitors walk in the footsteps of the men and women who served at RAF Duxford. Through the powerful stories of the men and women involved and the rich displays of aircraft we tell the story of the impact of aviation on the nature of war and on people's lives.

Open Daily: Last entry an hour before closing. (Closed 24 – 26 December).

Winter Hours: 10am – 4pm. (23 October 2017 to mid-March 2018)

Summer Hours: 10am – 6pm (mid-March to mid- October 2018).

Admission*: £18.00 Adults; £14.40 Concessions (Senior, Student, Disabled Adult); £9 Child (5- 16); Free Child (under 5); Family tickets available; Special rates for groups of ten plus.

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*Please note entry prices include a voluntary donation, making a valuable contribution to the care and conservation of this historic site

IWM

IWM (Imperial War Museums) tells the story of people who have lived, fought and died in conflicts involving Britain and the Commonwealth since the First World War.

Our unique Collections, made up of the everyday and the exceptional, reveal stories of people, places, ideas and events. Using these, we tell vivid personal stories and create powerful physical experiences across our five museums that reflect the realities of war as both a destructive and creative force. We challenge people to look at conflict from different perspectives, enriching their understanding of the causes, course and consequences of war and its impact on people's lives.

IWM's five branches which attract over 2 million visitors each year are **IWM London**, IWM's flagship branch that recently transformed with new, permanent and free First World War Galleries alongside new displays across the iconic Atrium to mark the Centenary of the First World War; **IWM North**, housed in an iconic award-winning building designed by Daniel Libeskind; **IWM Duxford**, a world renowned aviation museum and Britain's best preserved wartime airfield; **Churchill War Rooms**, housed in Churchill's secret headquarters below Whitehall; and the Second World War cruiser **HMS Belfast**.

First World War Centenary

2014 - 2018 marks the centenary of the First World War, a landmark anniversary for Britain and the world. IWM is marking the centenary by leading a vibrant, four year programme of cultural activities across the world. For more information visit www.1914.org

